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LB 953 isn't that important either. Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR HILGERT: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what are you telling me? That you're willing to risk...

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, I'm responding to questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, let me ask it a different way. Are you willing to risk the fate of LB 953 in order to attach this amendment that you're bringing to us here today?

SENATOR HILGERT: Senator Chambers, I certainly am because I think LB 1257 is very important.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'd ask Senator Vrtiska a question now.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, are you willing to risk losing LB 953 in order to attach this amendment?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, Senator, I'm sure you're aware that LB 953 is a bill that's important to the people who have...are suffering from domestic violence...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I agree.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...and this corrects that problem so I think the bill is important. And I think also the bill that Senator Hilgert has attached to it has a great deal of importance and so to me they are a companion bill that both need to be passed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're willing to attach this amendment even if it means that both of them may go down in flames? You're willing to risk that and just hope for the best.